



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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May 10, 2000

Dear Colleague:

As you may know, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) approved its first Medicare + Choice Private-Fee-For-Service plan on Monday, May 8, 2000 to the Sterling Life Insurance Company. HCFA has made available a press release, fact sheet, and Q&As addressing this issue. You may link to these documents by going to <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/pffs.htm>.

In response to the overwhelming interest this topic received at the NMEP Coordinating Committee meeting on April 26, 2000, we are pleased to offer a special educational training session on Private-Fee-For-Service on Monday, June 5, 2000 at the Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Enclosed is a tentative agenda outlining this session. Because seating is limited, we would appreciate your response by Tuesday, May 23, 2000. For those guests not in the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, we are currently researching the availability of a teleconference line. If available, these lines will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order for the meeting to be as productive as possible, we are also requesting that you forward any Private-Fee-For-Service questions you may have ahead of time to Ms. Kimberly Dawkins at kdawkins@iqsolutions.com or by telephone at (301) 984-1471, extension 349. We will provide these questions to the various presenters so they can incorporate the information into their presentations.

Thank you for your interest, and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisabeth A. Handley".

Elisabeth A. Handley
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Enclosure

➤ Agenda

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